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"I'm excited the Secretary of the Navy will share in this historic event," Braley said. "The Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum is a great tribute to the service and sacrifice of the five Sullivan brothers and all Iowa veterans."

Braley wrote to the Navy Secretary in May to request his attendance at the dedication of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum.

The text of Braley's letter is below:

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May 29, 2008

Dr. Donald C. Winter

Secretary of the Navy

1000 Navy Pentagon

Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Winter:

Thank you for the work you have done on behalf of the United States Navy. I live in Waterloo, IA, the hometown of the five Sullivan Brothers whom, as you know, gave their lives for our country during World War II. We in Waterloo are proud of the Sullivan Brothers' legacy and sacrifice.

I write to you today on behalf of the city of Waterloo and the Planning Committee for the Sullivan Brothers Veterans Museum to formally invite you to speak at the grand opening of the Sullivan Brothers Veterans Museum on November 15th from 12-1pm. The Sullivan Brothers Veterans Museum will open in November and will honor the service and sacrifice of all Iowa veterans from the Civil War to the present. We would be honored to have your presence at this historic event.

Please contact Karen Erickson on my staff in Waterloo, IA at 319-287-3233. I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will be able to attend this event.

Sincerely,

Bruce L. Braley

Member of Congress

